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# **EPITAPH**

ON THE

# Executive Council!

CEASED

to exist at the hour of 12 M.

on Wednesday the third of December
In the Year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-two!
THE TERRIBLE QUINTUMVIRATE
Usurper of the Sovereignty of the State of
SOUTH CAROLINA.

who

after an Existence of One Hundred and Forty-five days, during which they endeavored to trample upon all the RIGHTS DEAR TO A FREE PEOPLE.

Having declared Martial Law over the

### CITY OF CHARLESTON

on the eve of a petition from the people to their Representatives to re-assemble the

#### CONVENTION

They endeavored to suppress the

## FREEDOM OF SPEECH & DROWN DISCUSSION!

The private property of citizens was seized—all offices distributed among their kin and friends—solemn Acts of the General Assembly were altered or repealed—the settled Law of the Land abrogated—the Constitution of the State overturned—the Public Fund squandered,

And Finally

They quarreled among themselves!

When

The Constitutional Legislature of the State rising in its Dignity and Power, they, the proper custodians of her honor, by a vote of **96** Yeas and only **6** voting in mercy, blotted out its Existence, on the day, and in the year above written!

#### MAY

An incensed and justly outraged people grant peace to their unsightly ashes, and may their FATE, illustrating the old saying "Vaulting ambition oft o'erleaps itself," be a heeded

#### WARNING

To all who approach irreverently
THE SACRED ARK
of the
PEOPLE'S RIGHTS!

"Sic Semper Tyranis."

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